



**YOUR VOICE COUNTS**

### WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Municipal Elections allow you, the resident of your Ward, to directly elect a Councillor from your Ward to represent and attend to matters affecting your Ward.

### WHO SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR

Since this is a municipal election, essentially two votes are granted – one for a political party and a second one for the ward councillor or constituency representative, on two separate ballot papers. Thus, an opportunity exists to both exercise a choice that will reflect a political identity and choose a party that aligns closely with ethical, moral and political values on the proportional representation ballot, while also being able to vote at the ward or constituency level for the representative that is responsive to issues and concerns of the community and the neighbourhood. This person may be aligned to a political party or be an independent candidate.

### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COUNCILLOR

The Ward Councillor represents the needs of the community at the Municipality. They ensure that services are delivered to their Ward, escalate issues that residents face and vote on policies that will affect the Ward. The Councillor works with the various departments of the Municipality. The Councillor also votes on Municipal Budget, Laws and policies and functioning of the Municipality.

### WHY ITS IMPORTANT TO VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

By electing the Ward Councillor, you have a direct channel in the Municipality on service delivery, environment, sanitation and other issues affecting your area. Your Vote is your chance to stand up for the issues you care about. It allows you to choose how your taxes are spent – such as funding for social services, healthcare and even schooling.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T VOTE




Many of our citizens are upset with the corruption, wastage, petty politics and poor service delivery and are choosing not to Vote. But Not voting is giving up your voice. Elections are decided by the people who go out and vote. If you don't vote, someone else will make the decision for you and you get stuck with other people's choices. By participating in the electoral process as a voter, you get a say in how things are done in your Ward. Your power is in your vote.

### CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS

You can check your Registration Status, Ward and Councillor on the Official IEC Website:

<https://www.elections.org.za/pw/Voter/Voter-Information>

Alternatively, SMS your ID Number to any of the below numbers (R1.00 per SMS)

-  Check My Registration Status - **32810**
-  My Ward Councillor - **32245**
-  Special vote application status - **32711**

